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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0576

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PASS: NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, CASC, GT

SUBJECT: CRASH OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURED CARGO PLANE

REF: 7 FAM 656.1

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 2245 HOURS OF NIGHT OF 8 JUNE 78, AN AMERICAN MANUFACTURED DC-6 CRASHED ON SOCCER FIELD IN RESIDENTIAL ZONE 10 OF GUATEMALA CITY. THE PLANE WAS REGISTERED IN GUATEMALA, TG-ADA, TO AVIATECA AIRLINES AND FLOWN BY AN AVIATECA CREW. AVIATECA IS THE NATIONAL AIRLINE OF GUATEMALA.

2. INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT NO REPEAT NO AMERICAN CITIZENS WERE INVOLVED. THE CASUALTIES REPORTED ARE THE THREE GUATEMALAN CREW MEMBERS, ALL OF WHOM WERE KILLED. FORTUNATELY, NO HOMES WERE DAMAGED IN THE CRASH AND SUBSEQUENT EXPLOSION OF FUEL.

3. THE FLIGHT IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN A CARGO FLIGHT WHICH ORIGINATED IN MIAMI. REPORTEDLY, THE GUATEMALA CITY CONTROL TOWER KNEW THE DC-6 WAS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE BEFORE
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THE CRASH. APPARENTLY, THE DC-6 MISSED ONE APPROACH DUE TO LOW VISIBILITY AND WAS ON A GO-AROUND. AT THE CRASH SITE, EMBASSY OBSERVER NOTED THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT PLANE PLOWED ACROSS SOCCER FIELD. IT APPEARS TO HAVE CRASHED COMING DOWN AT A STEEP GRADIENT. THE CARGO WAS PURE BLOOD CATTLE.

4. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED WAS GLENNED FROM VARIOUS NEWS-PAPERS AS THOSE OFFICIALS OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS CONCERNED WITH THE ACCIDENT HAVE BEEN IN CLOSED SESSION ALL DAY DISCUSSING THE ACCIDENT. A FULL REPORT WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS MORE OFFICIAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.
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